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Picture: Ed Hill

■ BY ED HILL

MORE than 500 protestors took to the streets of Sellindge on Saturday to march against the double-whammy of a sludge recycling centre and the Operation Stack lorry park.

The village was transformed into a scene of determined opposition with whistles, drumming and cries of defiance filling the air as people marched from the village hall to the Airport Café.

Numbers were swelled further by residents of neighbouring villages including Aldington, Smeeth and Newingreen.

Ronald Lello, spokesman for the Sellindge Says No To Sludge campaign, said: "We were delighted with the turnout. This march was about sending a message to planners and big business that people have a right to live in freedom from pollution and lorries, and to those in County Hall who make decisions without talking to people first."

The protest was organised by the Sellindge and District Residents' Association.

The recycling centre – or anaerobic digestion plant – is planned for the old Otterpool Quarry site opposite the Airport Café on the A20. It will take household waste and break it down into a sludge-like liquid which is then spread onto farmland.

But residents say the proposal, put forward by Countrystyle Recycling, will blight the village. The scheme only came to light recently after the plans accidentally by-passed the parish council.

Villagers say the plant will lead to the industrialisation of a rural area and increase traffic.

Protestors also used the demonstration to highlight opposition to KCC's plans for 3,000-space lorry park close to the other end of the village.

Opponents say the area has already had to

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NO TO SLUDGE AND STACK

Villagers make their feelings known during Saturday's march through Sellindge. Organisers said more than 500 people took part in the protest against proposals for a household waste recycling centre and the Operation Stack overflow lorry park.

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HIGH RISK: Kent cattle in the protection zone can now be vaccinated against bluetongue

Hundreds march through village



BANNER: A blunt message for KCC

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accept developments such as the nearby power converter station and Lympne Industrial Estate.

Campaigner David Plumstead said: "This is English democracy in action. We can't just sit back and let big business concrete over Kent. We need to maintain our quality of life."

The group now intends to collect a petition to send to the planning departments of the councils involved.

Ian Medgett, of the campaign's committee, said: "The numbers show the strength of feeling that these two proposals have stirred."

• **What are YOUR views on the controversial proposals?** Email us and let us know at yourashford@kosmedia.co.uk. Or write to: The Editor, Yourashford, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SR.

Farmers told to moo-ve fast for bluetongue jab

■ BY ED HILL

FARMERS across the borough are being urged to act quickly to benefit from the first batches of a vaccine against the livestock disease bluetongue.

Released by the Government last week, the drugs are initially being sent to protection zones in the highest risk areas of the country.

Kent is in the protection zone because of its proximity to mainland Europe where the disease spread from last year. One of the first cases of the disease was found at a sheep farm in Boughton Aluph in October.

The disease affects both cattle and sheep and is spread from animal to animal by infected midges. It can lead to respiratory problems, lameness and swelling of the head and neck.

Environment minister Hilary Benn said: "We have worked closely with a core group of industry experts throughout this process and I am pleased with the rapid progress that has been made to develop and produce this vaccine ahead of schedule and in a very tight timescale."

Under EU law the vaccine is only

allowed to be used in areas that have been designated as a protection zone. The Government has put in place a roll-out plan across the country, taking into account the availability of the vaccine and the level of disease risk.

A million doses of the vaccine have been made available in 20 dose bottles. A larger batch of up to two million doses, produced in 50-dose bottles, is expected to follow within days.

The vaccine requires one dose in sheep and two doses in cattle given three weeks apart.

Mr Benn said: "The success of our control and vaccination strategy will ultimately depend on the industry itself. I strongly support the industry-led campaign to promote vaccination. The message to animal keepers is clear: 'Don't hesitate, vaccinate'."

Farmers have been told that they can only order the vaccine through their veterinary practice.

Miles Alexander, who has a dairy herd at his farm in Egerton, said: "I am waiting to hear from my vet about when the vaccine will be available for my cows.

"We have already washed them with repellent to keep the midges off. I think the beef farmers are the keenest to get the vaccine so they can get their animals into the fields."

Man in court over Chilham murder

A MAN appeared at Ashford Magistrates' Court on Friday charged with the murder of Matt Clements, 41, of Frittenden Close, Ashford.

Kenneth Norman Batchelor, 50, of Hendon Cottages, Canterbury Road, Chilham, appeared in court in connection with Mr Clements' death which happened on November 18, last year, in Chilham.

Mr Clements' body was found at a property on the A28 Canterbury Road. He had died as a result of gunshot wounds.

Hall show to boost theatre campaign

THE Ashford Theatre Project will be staging a show at Singleton Village Hall on Saturday to raise funds for a campaign pushing to develop a permanent theatre space in the town.

The show will begin at noon and include a range of entertainment from extracts from the musical *Oliver!*, dance displays, martial arts and pop music.

Tickets are £2 per person or £5 per family of two adults and two children. Tickets can be obtained at the door or by calling 01233 621290.

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Eco-homes' green battle rumbles on

■ BY ED HILL

THE tug-of-war over a patch of land in Kennington shows no sign of abating after council chiefs gave the go-ahead for it to be used for eco-friendly housing – despite local demands that it be retained as open space and a children's play area.

Plans for a development of zero-carbon homes on Beecholme Drive have moved forward after the council agreed to dispose of the land to a property developer.

But residents are continuing their campaign to protect the land they see as a crucial amenity for children to play on.

At a recent meeting of residents' group the Kennington Forum, neighbours learned that Ashford council is to pass the land to the Hyde Housing Association – its joint partner in the project.

The £3million scheme of affordable eco-homes would be one of the first in the country to achieve a level six code for sustainable housing set by the Government – the greenest homes possible.

Locals opposed to the scheme have applied to Kent County Council for the land to be designated as a village green.

Pat Boorman, chairman of the Kennington Forum, said: "The borough council's core strategy says it seeks to retain recreational and leisure facilities.

"The Bybrook and Bockhanger wards have been identified within the council's open space strategy as having significant deprivation as



LAND DISPUTE: Ashford council and Hyde Housing Association want to build eco-homes like those above, on land at Beecholme Drive (inset), despite local opposition.

regards open space provision. We have less than half the optimum amount."

The council has claimed the land is being used for dumping rubbish and abandoned vehicles, but residents dispute this description of the half-hectare site.

A spokesman for Hyde Housing Association said: "Since our initial public consultation in December we have been working on new plans

for this eco-friendly housing development which will take into account some of the feedback received from residents.

"Once these have been worked through more fully, residents will be able to view fresh designs for the scheme, which will provide much-needed affordable homes. There will be further consultations in late spring, prior to submission of a planning application."

Carnival plans float in the right direction

ORGANISERS of Ashford carnival are promising that this year's event will be the biggest and most spectacular ever.

The annual extravaganza will take place on Sunday, July 13.

Among those already signed up are: Emma-Lou's Dance Troupe, Moat Housing Association, Willesborough Brownies, Shunen Jutsu Karate Club, SureStart Ashford, Kent Fire and Rescue Service and queens and princesses from carnival courts across the country.

Set up and judging takes place at Stanhope at 4pm, with the procession starting at 5pm.

The route will take in Stanhope Road, Kingsnorth Road, Beaver Road, Elwick Road, Bank Street, High Street, Lower High Street, Station Road and Tannery Lane. It will end in North Park.

There will also be music from Where's Brian and Friends, who will be playing live in the town centre, and free entertainment throughout the day.

To register to take part, call the Ashford Town Centre Partnership on 01233 664410 or Brenda and Terry Dickinson on 01233 623969.

Open day will highlight plight of feline friends

■ BY NICK AMES

THE RSPCA cat centre in Station Road will be holding an open day on Saturday to showcase the work it does in caring for our abandoned feline friends.

And it hopes the day will highlight some of the problems linked to a number of pet owners' attitudes to keeping animals.

Leslie Young, from the cat centre, said: "We get a constant stream of animals through our door.

"Last year we had a case where a cat was left with its eye hanging out of the socket.

"The owner had said it would heal itself."

"The common problem we have is abandonment."

"People move away and just don't take the cat with them."

"People think cats can fend for themselves, but this is not the case

for a cat that has been given cat food all its life. The other issue is unpaid vet bills."

"Many owners don't have insurance and can't afford to pay for the treatment. We end up picking up the pieces."

Last week the RSPCA released figures for animal cruelty in the south east.

The charity says it saw a 3.8 per cent rise in what it calls "callously abandoned" animals last year. Over half of these cases were cats.

The open day takes place between 11am to 4pm and includes a barbecue and games.

Ms Young said: "Anyone can come along. It will give people a chance to look around."

CCTV warning over break-ins

POLICE have released startling images of the moment three hooded youths broke into a home – unaware they were being filmed by CCTV.

Now officers are looking to ensure others don't suffer a similar fate by warning householders to take extra care as the weather improves and people start leaving windows and doors open.

The footage – available to view on our free, broadband TV channel, www.yourkenttv.co.uk and pictured below – shows the crooks breaking into the house through an open side window.

Ashford Detective Inspector Chris Benson said: "At this time of year people tend to leave windows open more often because of the warmer weather."

The police say the best way to avoid being burgled is to follow a few simple rules which will deter opportunist thieves.

They include keeping handbags, wallets and mobile phones out of sight, securing doors and windows overnight and making sure any keys or door bolts are out of reach.

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Big Weekend is go



HER MADGESTY: Madonna is headline act at Radio 1's Big Weekend

Star-studded line-up the hottest ticket in town

■ BY JON COATES

THE three-month build-up to the biggest music event to come to Kent in decades is nearing completion.

The four stages, which will host more than 50 top UK and international bands and DJs, are now in place for Radio 1's Big Weekend in Mote Park, Maidstone.

The festival – on Saturday and Sunday – will be headlined by Madonna, The Kooks, The Editors, Raconteurs, Fatboy Slim and Kent's own Pete Tong.

About 34,000 tickets have been allocated – with the vast majority going to music fans in Maidstone and the rest of the county.

Chance

Forty-five per cent, or 15,300, went to people living in the county town, with a further 40 per cent, or 13,600, going to fans across the rest of Kent.

Ten per cent, or 3,400, went to the surrounding areas of Sussex, Surrey, Essex and London, and five per cent, or 1,700, tickets were allocated across the rest of the UK.

A Radio 1 spokeswoman said: "You had the highest chance of getting a ticket if you lived in Maidstone – with a one in 16 chance for Saturday and a one in nine chance for Sunday."

"You also had more of a chance of being



HEADLINERS: The Kooks will join a host of top acts

allocated a ticket if you lived in Kent than the rest of the UK."

A ticket tout has already tried to sell a pair of Saturday tickets – when Madonna takes to the main stage – for £500 on an auction website.

But Radio 1 bosses have warned music fans not to take a costly gamble, as for past events tickets have been sold for hundreds of pounds only for the seller to declare their tickets lost and get replacements.

The buyer will not know if the tickets have been invalidated until they get to the entrance gates.

All of the tickets also have the holder's name and address, and a unique barcode, on them, and there will be ID checks before admission.

Security, policing and transport arrangements are in place to ensure the festival runs without a hitch.

Police warned this week that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated – with offi-

cers given extra powers by the courts to disperse known troublemakers.

Anyone found hanging around Mote Park who does not have a ticket and is causing a disturbance will be moved on.

Posters have gone up in the area advising residents of the order, which will come into effect tomorrow and Thursday's and run until Sunday.

Event commander, Superintendent Ian Hall, said: "Should officers see anyone from Maidstone who is known for anti-social behaviour and who is not in possession of tickets for the event, then they will be warned that a dispersal order is in place and moved on."

Ticket holders have been urged to use public transport or walk to the festival – rather than use cars.

Extra park and ride services will run from London Road and Sittingbourne Road until midnight on both days, together with extra buses coming from Medway and along the London Road.

South Eastern is also providing extra trains to Maidstone East and West stations.

Maidstone council and Kent police hope to keep disruption to a minimum and there will be no parking in Mote Park or surrounding residential roads.

Anyone found parking illegally risks a fine or being towed away, but residents have been sent permits to allow them to get to and from their homes.

• Full band line-up for the Big Weekend can be seen on our sister website www.yourmaidstone.co.uk.

All that glitters is Goldfrapp

GLAM-pop duo Goldfrapp will bring their synthesized sounds to Mote Park on Sunday afternoon, writes Simon Robinson.

The established London electro/disco outfit, fronted by lead singer Alison Goldfrapp from whom the band take their name, will take a break from a string of sold out solo gigs to perform at the Big Weekend.

But despite notching up five top 20 singles in their nine year career – most notably the infectious club hit Ooh La La – composer Will Gregory said accepting Radio 1's invite to play during the open-air two-dayer was somewhat of an enjoyable risk.

Speaking from a New York hotel on the morning of the band's last

mini-US tour gig, he said: "Festivals are great but are sort of a double-edged sword."

The audiences are serious music fans but they haven't come specifically to see you, so people will just fall away if they're not interested in what you're doing.

"On the other hand, it's great playing to people on the second day of festivals when they're right in the middle of letting go."

"You don't get that at one-off gigs."

"Festivals also take away the comfort zone of sound checks, so we're going to have to get on the stage and go with it."

"That gives the performance an exciting edge. There's a rawness to it. We've got to give it our best shot."

With their travel arrangement back to Blighty not yet finalised, Will said he didn't know if he would make it down to Maidstone in time for the Big Weekend's opening day, headlined by the Queen of Pop Madonna.

He said: "We're planning on staying in America for a couple of days but I'd like to come down for the Saturday."

"I'd quite like to see Guillemots and Editors. That's the nice thing about festivals, you get to see other bands play."

Chances are the stage wings will be packed with equally interested artists for Goldfrapp's set, having built up a legion of admirers both in and out of the British music

scene since their Felt Mountain 2000 debut.

Will said their success on the home-front was due to their traditional feel.

He said: "What we do is quite English or British, we're slightly eccentric and have a quirky sense of humour."

"It's that character that maybe people connect with."

Goldfrapp's latest album, Seventh Tree, moves on from the hard-hitting disco roots the band have made their own, to a warm acoustic sound.

Goldfrapp take to the main stage on Sunday afternoon, performing after the Pigeon Detectives and before US rap star Nelly.



SYNTH STARS: Goldfrapp will play on Sunday afternoon

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JOIN WITH US: The Feeling can't wait to play in front of the huge crowd at Radio 1's Big Weekend in Maidstone

Feeling good

THE Feeling will spend all of Saturday at the Big Weekend checking out the new talent being showcased across its four stages, **writes Jon Coates**.

The indie outfit, from Sussex and London, are the second act on the main stage, following openers The Hoosiers.

They plan to then wander around the site taking in bands they have not seen while on tour in Japan and working on their second album Join With Us, which went to number one in the album chart in February.

Drummer Paul Stewart said: "It was incredible. You spend so many months trying to get a record as good as you think it can be, but you never know if it will meet everyone else's expectations."

"So we were over the moon with the reception the second album got – it was amazing."

Sunny

The Feeling went on a mini-tour of the UK in March and will support Bon Jovi at four stadium gigs in June, before going out on their own main tour in the autumn.

When the call came in from Radio 1 to take part in the Big Weekend, they jumped at the chance of getting involved during a break in their gigging schedule.

Paul said: "The Big Weekend is a one-off for us. It's really nice to be asked and we said 'yes please' straight away."

"We are looking forward to it. Fingers crossed for the weather. It's great to have people going nuts in a field to good music, but if it's a beautiful sunny day, there is nothing better than hanging around

having a few beers and seeing some bands. "We will be there all day taking it all in. A lot of the time due to our schedule we turn up an hour before we play and then an hour later leave, which is a shame."

"We always ask when possible if we can get there towards the start and go home at the end."

The drummer said he is looking forward to discover great new bands: "The main focus is understandably on the main stage, but there are a lot of up and coming breakthrough acts that we may never have heard of that are great to see."

"We have spent a lot of time in Japan recently and people starting talking to us about bands we have missed while we have been away."

"We will just wander around and see what is going on, as live music is in such a healthy state at the moment."

The Feeling also relish the challenge of converting new fans at festivals.

Paul said: "Festivals are the only opportunity you get to play to people who may be half interested in seeing you or people on their way to another stage."

"It takes you back to when you are playing in pubs and clubs trying to convert a new crowd."

And for the drummer it will be even more special as he has family in Maidstone.

The Feeling played a gig in Dover earlier this year and at the festival in Port Lympne last year, so are no strangers to Kent.

Paul said: "It's nice to see Radio 1, who can go anywhere, chose to have the Big Weekend in Maidstone. I think this is nice and fitting."

The only dilemma his band has is how many of their hits they will be able to cram into their half-hour slot.

Annie Mac's in town

RADIO 1 DJ Annie Mac is looking forward to the best Big Weekend yet.

The rising star, 29, (pictured) will be one of the busiest people working at the two-day event in Maidstone.

She will broadcast her weekend show from backstage at Mote Park from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Annie will be filming her music TV show Sound on BBC2 on Saturday at... with Nick Grimshaw, with the show to be broadcast on BBC2 on May 17.

The Dublin-born DJ then has the dubious task of headlining the Outdoor DJ Stage on the Saturday night – at the same time as Madonna takes to the main stage.

Annie will then hot-foot it across to the Aftershow Party at Maidstone Studios for an early slot, before grabbing a few hours sleep in preparation for the Sunday.

She said she cannot wait for the festival to get underway:



"The Big Weekend is one of those events where I always feel very proud of what it can do."

"The DJs get to hang out and be part of something big, you feel part of a big force."

"This will be my third Big Weekend and without doubt this will be the best one yet – the line-up is better than Reading, or Leeds, or Glastonbury, it is incredible."

"The main stage line-up was impressive, but when I saw the In New Music We Trust Stage line-up I was blown away – as it has all the upcoming bands that you want to see."

Annie added: "I am looking forward to seeing Vampire Weekend. I saw them at a small gig a long time ago, so to see them playing on a big stage will be cool."

"I love The Futureheads, they are a great band, and Pendulum – many people will not have seen them live and are in for a treat."

Local heroes to join the big line-up

TWO Kent bands will rub plec-trums with the Queen of Pop Madonna and indie giants The Kooks – after being added to the Big Weekend bill.

Guitar-driven quartet It Hugs Back, from Maidstone, and Tunbridge Wells folk stars Tom Williams and The Boat will both play at the Mote Park festival.

They were both given slots on the BBC Introducing stage after being handpicked to perform by DJ Huw Stephens.

The emerging talent stage gives unsigned, undiscovered and under the radar music, artists and DJs the chance to play to a 17,500-strong crowd.

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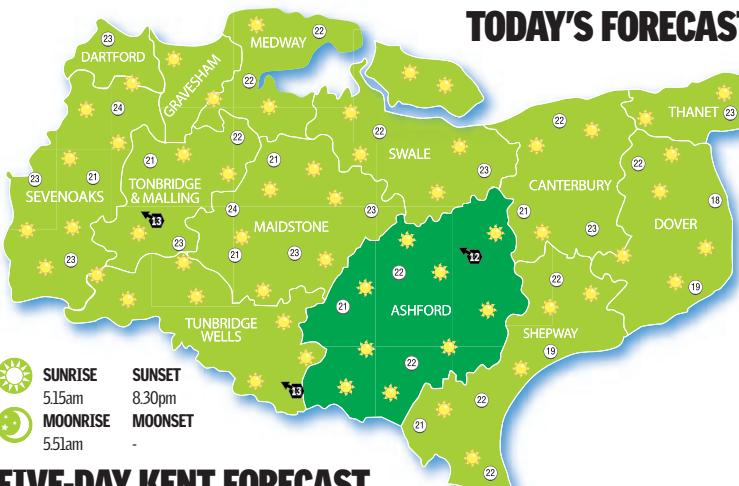
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Village to benefit from generosity of millionaire resident

FORMER Saga boss Roger de Haan has promised a £250,000 grant to help develop sports and leisure facilities in Sellinge.

The cash would improve the village social club, provide equipment for the youth centre and install drainage facilities for the football and cricket pitches.

Millionaire de Haan has his famous eco-house between Sellinge and Stone Street.

A public meeting is to be held on Monday (May 12) in the club so residents of the village can say exactly what it is they wish to see happen.

Locals are also set to raise around £70,000 themselves to improve changing facilities at the sports club to complement the donation from the ex-Saga chief.

Chairman of the social club Christina Sandy said: "This is a very generous off from Mr de Haan and we are very grateful indeed."

"Now we would like to see villagers demonstrate their commitment to the club by coming along to the meeting and saying exactly what it is they would like to see provided for the village. It is also important that we show that people would use the facilities when they are upgraded."

"Mr de Haan has already shown his own commitment to the scheme by sending people to look at the ground and see what it needs."

"They have carried out a survey and people who attend the meeting will find out what they have discovered."

"The meeting is in the village social club itself and all residents of the village are welcome."

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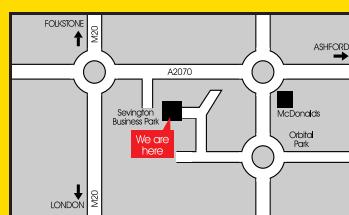
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Q & A

Margaret Pryke is a campaigner against lorries parking in the Orbital Park, but has had her motives for supporting the Aldington scheme questioned. She gave **ED HILL** her views and put the record straight.

Q How long have you lived in Ashford?

A I have lived in Ashford for 37 years, but I visited it long before then, as a child. My cousin lived in South Willesborough after she married and when my aunt and uncle visited they moved here from London, my parents used to come down to visit.

Q What do you think about the town and how it is changed?

A It would have been better if the architects had designed around the older buildings and kept the new in line with them, as has happened in Canterbury which blends in beautifully. I liked Ashford as the sleepy market town it used to be.

Q How do you get on with the lorry drivers that you meet?

A At first not very well. I was very angry about the litter and human filth they left behind. Gradually, over the years from trying to talk to them and make them understand what I was trying to do, those that could understand English were very respectful and after a while I noticed that they were using the bins provided. I have never felt intimidated by them or threatened.

Q What do you think of the KCC proposals for a lorry park between Smeeth and Aldington?

A Nobody really wants a lorry park in Kent, but unfortunately if we are to keep the lor-

ries off the business parks such as the Orbital and the lay-bys, then needs must. Ideally I would like to see Waterbrook Park in Sevington expanded.

However, the proposed site for the lorry park does seem to be the best alternative so far, as it is next to the converter station between the M20 motorway and the railway line. What a shame that was never tree screened when it was constructed. I believe there will be substantial tree planting if this site does get chosen and I would campaign for that.

Q You received some money from the developers Monserat Properties for funding your campaign. Why did you do that?

A I first contacted Monserat in the early part of last year from a contact number in the paper. At that time I knew nothing of the preferred site announced by Kent County Council. I saw it as an opportunity to help my community and raise awareness of the issues. The councils were doing very little to address the problem. I have not done anything wrong. I have been campaigning for eight years with very little support. The money was used for printing surveys and postage. It was kept in a separate account. I will be returning what I don't need to the company. I was not naive. I knew what I was doing and why I was doing it. Ninety five per cent of businesses in the area want the lorries off Orbital Park. Had I been offered the same kind of financial help from any local businesses I would have done the same thing.

Q Ashford is said to be a gateway to Europe. How do you feel about the continent?

A The M20 motorway is recognised as the Trans-European corridor as it's the shortest and quickest route from the continent to London. If that is the case I feel any disturbances caused by the French to this country should be compensated for and our politicians should make sure that it is done.

I like the method of the vignette payment on the continent for lorry parking and it should be introduced here to make a level playing field for all lorry drivers.

Q Do you have any other hobbies or interests that people might like to hear about?

A I have not had a lot of time for hobbies, campaigning for a lorry park. I do share my home with five dogs, one Siamese cat and an indoor rabbit, a husband and a daughter.

Q Do you have childhood heroes? What was it you admired about them?

A When I was very young my mother took me to see Winston Churchill. He was visiting my school in his constituency of Woodford Green. According to my mother I asked him if he had won the war, and he said: "No, my dear, that was done by the soldiers, sailors and airman." Norman Wisdom was my next hero. I kept up a correspondence with him for about three years and he used to send me complimentary tickets for his shows. He made me laugh so much that I had tears in my eyes.

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EDITOR'S CHOICE

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Mia's the strongest link

■ BY NICK AMES

CLAIRVOYANT and ghost-hunter Mia Dolan used her brain power to raise money for children's hospice Demelza House by winning a TV quiz show.

She walked away with £13,500 to donate to her favourite charity after winning a "psychics' challenge" version of the BBC's hit show *The Weakest Link*, presented by Anne Robinson.

Psychic Mia appears in the ITV show *Haunted Homes*, in which she investigates spooky goings-on with colleagues David Vee and Professor Chris French.

The trio spend two nights in a "haunted" building attempting to find evidence of ghostly activity.

Mia has been a constant supporter of Sittingbourne's Demelza House – which cares for seriously ill children – and met residents and staff during her visit to present the *Weakest Link* prize money.

"From personal experience, there's no greater pain than losing a child," she said. "So it's a great honour for me to help Demelza in any way I can."

Sue Booth, the charity's campaigns manager, said: "We were delighted when we heard that Mia was donating her winnings to us and even more so when she came to visit.

"This is a fantastic amount and donations like Mia's will enable us to continue caring for the children and families who need our services."

Dedicated

Demelza provides respite, symptom control, end-of-life care and bereavement support for more than 450 children and their families across the South East.

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Another feature is a bereavement suite – known as the Hop Garden – which allows a family to let go and say goodbye to a child at their own pace.

The charity, which marks its 10th anniversary this year, also has a 'hospice at home' service, with paediatric nurses offering visits to homes, and emergency cover and assistance from groups such as bereavement charity Cruse.



CHEQUE OUT: TV psychic Mia Dolan, left, presents her prize money to Lisa Busby of Demelza House

How Kray twins got on their bikes around Kent

NOTORIOUS gangsters Ronnie and Reggie Kray loved "cycling down country lanes" in Kent touring antique shops for bargains.

The bizarre revelation about the killers, who were jailed for life in 1969 for the murders of Jack "The Hat" McVitie and George Cornell, are in *The Kray Tapes*, which went on sale this week.

The interviews with Ronnie, Reggie and Charlie Kray, reveal they got out of London as often as possible.

In the 1989 interview – never heard before – with Kent author Robin McGibbon – Ronnie says: "We used to go every weekend and used to go cycling along country lanes and go to antique shops."

And Ronnie, who died at 61 of a heart attack in March 1995, said he and Reg – who died in October 2000 from bladder cancer at the age of 66 – said they never committed any crimes when they toured Kent, Suffolk, Sussex and Hertfordshire on their bikes.

He said: "We loved the peacefulness, nice scenery and the quiet. We used to go for long walks along country lanes – it was smashing."

Mr McGibbon, started corresponding with the twins while they were in prison and taped interviews during visits.

• The CDs are produced by Right Recordings and released on Monday for £14.99, with an initial run of 5,000 units.

Get your trainers on, girls, Race for Life needs you

MORE women are needed to take part in 5km fun-runs aimed at raising money for the fight against cancer.

Cancer Research UK is looking for ladies to join in Race for Life events across the county during the next two months.

Interest has been high for the flagship fund-raising drive in some areas but disappointing in others.

The fun-runs are open to all women, regardless of athletic ability.

In 2007 about 665,000 women walked,

jogged or ran in the event nationwide, raising £40million for the charity.

Organisers are looking for more women to take part this year and raise even more funds.

They are mainly searching for people to take part in the Thanet and Ashford runs, on June 22 and June 29 respectively – which are both at less than half capacity.

Only 879 women have registered for the Thanet run, which is 40 per cent of the 2,200 target.

In Ashford 793 ladies have pledged to take part, which is 44.1 per cent of the 1,800 target.

Women can also take part in Maidstone on May 18, Paddock Wood on May 21, Gillingham on June 1, Maidstone on June 8 and Folkestone on June 15. These are all at between 70 to 80 per cent capacity.

The final race in Herne Bay, which is set for July 6, has reached its capacity, but anyone interested can still contact the event organisers at www.raceforlife.org.

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Here's looking at you, kid

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Prince's Trust is looking for volunteers to help unemployed young people get back into the workplace in a new initiative for the county.

The mentoring scheme has been successful in other parts of the UK and this summer it will be launched in Kent.

It is aimed at assisting young people who want to move on with their lives and build on the confidence and skills they have acquired while completing a course run by the trust.

The role requires a commitment of two hours fortnightly over six months and includes offering support and encouragement in exploring training and education opportunities.

Gill Rogers is responsible for the implementation of the scheme. She said: "It has been successful elsewhere so it is natural that we want to expand it and help people in Kent."

"The volunteers we are looking for do not need an armful of qualifications. But what they do require is a commitment to working with and assisting young people who are unemployed to achieve their goals."

"The scheme is an expansion of one we have already used called business mentoring. This is more a personal mentoring approach, although the actual title is progression mentoring."

The people who take on the challenge will be asked to form a bond and a meaningful relationship with young people who are often educational under-achievers, care-leavers or ex-offenders.

And those who have already taken part say the scheme is extremely rewarding. Steve Arnold has been a progression mentor for three years.

"It is really inspiring to be able to see them move on and to succeed in their lives and to feel that you have had a hand in that."

Michael Pike, 24, was mentored by Mr Arnold for six months after he completed a personal development course run by the trust.

He said: "When I finished the course I was worried I would lose motivation and just go back to doing nothing. Steve really helped keep me focused. He always had good ideas and seemed to really believe in me."

The Prince's Trust helped more than 3,000 disadvantaged young people in the South East last year and works with 14 to 30-year-olds who have struggled to find a place in society for any number of reasons.



GENERATION GAME: Mentoring is extremely rewarding for volunteers and young people alike

Have your say on air travel from Kent and win a holiday

KENT International Airport is undertaking a major public survey to measure the demand for the airport near Ramsgate.

The site, which is currently able to handle 800,000 passengers a year, on one of the UK's longest runways.

The survey is being run with KOS Media's www.kentnews.co.uk and all those taking part stand a chance of winning a free holiday in Majorca. Kent Escapes is offering flights, transfers and half-board accommodation for two adults.

Matt Clarke, chief executive of Kent International Airport, said he is confident the results of the survey will back up their own research showing increased demand for flights from the Manston site.

He said: "This is an opportunity for the

Kent public to let us know how they would like to use the airport in the future and in particular the places they would want to fly to, the frequency of their air travel and how much they currently spend on travel."

The survey coincides with reports that BAA's ownership of seven UK airports, "may not be serving well the interests of either airlines or passengers", according to the findings of the Competition Commission.

The final report, due to be published in August, could force Spanish-owned BAA to sell one or more of its airports.

BAA took ownership of Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted more than two decades ago to make sure there would be enough airport capacity in the South East.

According to the commission, there is still a

shortage of capacity. Mr Clarke agreed, and argued that Manston was ready-made to offer the extra space needed.

He added: "The lack of runway capacity in the South East is often raised as a potential restriction to the economic growth of the region."

"At Kent International Airport we already have a runway that is well placed to serve passenger and freight airlines – Kent's Airport is ready to go right now and already hosting daily 747 flights."

"It is becoming very clear that Kent International Airport will play a significant part in the South East's future network of airports which will directly benefit the district and county's economies creating thousands of new jobs."

• To take part in the survey, visit www.kentnews.co.uk.

How to stop new superbug strain



CASES of a new strain of the superbug MRSA – affecting young adults and children rather than the elderly in hospital – have increased.

But experts say the number of cases is still very small and there is no cause for panic – but we should all take extra care when it comes to hygiene.

A University of Kent student died after contracting a Panton-Valentine Leukocidin (PVL) infection last year.

PVL is a toxic substance produced by some strains of MRSA, the methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterium that usually infects severely ill patients in hospitals.

Young adults and children generally contract PVL in the community.

Dr Mathi Chandrakumar, director of the Kent Health Protection Unit, said: "It can affect anyone but particularly children and young adults because they have close contact with each other."

Rare

The latest HPA figures show there were 224 cases of PVL in 2005, rising to 496 in 2006.

In Kent, PVL infections are rare. Medway NHS Foundation Trust said there had been one case last year and that the patient had fully recovered.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust reported the same and East Kent NHS Hospitals Trust said it had never dealt with a case of the infection.

Dr Chandrakumar said parents should not worry because the infection remains rare.

KOS Media has been running a campaign aimed at raising awareness about the importance of hand hygiene in combating infections such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile.

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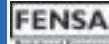


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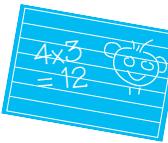


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He can be found at the school twice a week teaching students and on a Saturday using the school's courts to take the overflow from the Betherden club.

For more information visit www.betherdentsennis.org or contact Mr Carlton on 01233 820983.

Praise for cash raised

THE North School has received a letter from the Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society in New South Wales, Australia.

The letter thanked children from the Austen community at the Essella Road school for money they had raised.

The children raised £82.16 – the equivalent of \$178 Down Under. The money will be used to help charities in Australia.

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New power generation engineer bright future

■ BY ED HILL

NOT all apprenticeships are as gruelling as those run by Sir Alan Sugar.

And rather than being fired, it will hopefully be a case of 'you're hired' as firms set up courses at South Kent College to ensure they get the new staff they need.

Local engineering firm Cummins Power Generation is just one firm to sign-up to the scheme.

Billed as the Cummins Apprenticeship Plus, it gives 12 students the chance to train on a course specifically aimed at giving them the skills for a career in engineering.

Jeanetta Deeney from the company said: "We had difficulty in recruiting staff with the correct engineering skill set level, so a conscious decision was made to review the apprenticeship programme and 'home grow' the correct level of engineering expertise."

Lee Fetts, 19, from Broadstairs was one of the lucky few to get a place on the course from the 84 people who went through the interview process. The process included psychometric testing and a manual dexterity test.

He took up the course after working as an assistant manager in high street fashion chain Burton.

He said: "It was only a stop-gap. I was not happy with an office



APPRENTICE SCHEME: (L-R front) John Hurley, Zeph Norrish and Liz Chandler stand before the trainee engineers at the college

type job. I wanted to work in a practical environment and applied for every apprenticeship that I saw. I tried loads of different places but it is really hard to find an apprenticeship. Cummins is a really good company and I am getting good qualifications."

Zeph Norrish, deputy director of technology at the college, said:

"The company requires apprentices that have a broad range of skills and knowledge in a variety

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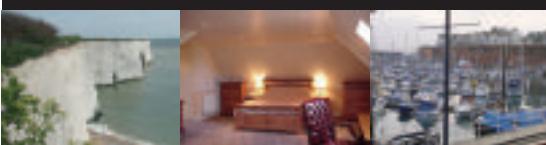
Mrs Deeney added: "South Kent College's flexibility and willingness to assist us to build a

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THERE are many things in life which one can become irrationally irritated by.

The cost of petrol, southern Manchester United fans, people who write in text-speak, and pretty much any comedy show on ITV1 are fine examples.

Oh, and people who put blue lights under their car and then hang around car parks comparing exhausts. Paper cuts, those BT adverts, cups of tea with the tea bag left in and the list could go on. Yet perhaps the biggest, the reigning champion, the undisputed heavyweight irritation of all time is (drum roll please)...the attention seeker.

We all know them, and those of us foolish enough to entertain them and encourage their behaviour are as guilty as the attention seeker themselves.

So what makes this scourge of society and how do you spot them? The answer is simple. They will be the ones in your office, home or school, who suddenly loudly say something for

no good reason other than to get heads to turn in their direction.

Their voice volume is always fixed as 'slightly too loud' and everything they say is designed to be heard by a wider audience.

They think street theatre is good entertainment, and that the world's most pointless pursuit – I refer, of course, to juggling – is a worthy past-time and one worth learning.

They will be the one with the loud fake laugh and given any public event the one who will go into overdrive in a bid to be the centre of attention. All dancing will be over the top, and karaoke evenings embraced as if Simon Cowell himself were sitting before them. They won't necessarily be any good, but they'll perform as though Madonna had consumed their spirit.

Every story they tell will be embellished. Brushes with celebrity will be enhanced beyond recognition or simply made up so they can bask in the reflected glory.

Granted, you could say every TV, sport and music personality are the worst offenders. But

at least they bring something to the party. They do entertain rather than just make you want to shove the nearest fridge in their face.

But don't assume loudness is the only symptom. In fact, one of the worst offenders are a peculiar breed who attention seek by doing nothing.

They are the ones who will stand on our streets, often dressed head to toe in silver, and pretend to be a human statue. They want people to praise them for doing nothing. Worse still, they expect coins thrust in their direction. There are people dying in this world who could probably do with the cash more, should you have it spare.

If you see them you MUST walk on by. Do not even stand there and mutter expletives under your breath. Just ignore them. Starve them of the attention, and, you never know they may just go away. We can but hope.

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TALK TIME

MICK SIMS

The shop assistant from the Mad Max store in Ashford's Lower High Street discusses his job and life in and around the town.



How long have you been in the area?
I am Tenterden born and bred but I work in Ashford. I sometimes see Ashford spreading into the countryside and I worry a bit. I love the countryside. I catch the bus to work six days a week and I think it is a lovely journey every day. It's nice to get back from work and be out in the countryside and not get that glow of the orange light. I can sit in my garden and look at the stars.

How long have you been working here?
For about eight years. I meet a real range of people. We have our regular customers that we see all the time. Because we are what is known as a discount store people really like to buy their everyday items from us. A lot of the time people come in just to have a bit of a chat and I think that helps them get through the day.

What do you do in your spare time?
I have a keen interest in the history of wartime aviation. I do research in to the crash sites of World War Two planes. I locate all the sites and put them on a map, mainly dating to around the Battle of Britain time. I find crash sites from both sides of the conflict, both the RAF and Luftwaffe. There were a lot of airfields in this area at the time of World War Two. There were ones at Great Chart, Headcorn, Kingsnorth and Woodchurch and High Halden. They mainly flew Thunderbolt and Mustang planes. It's funny but in a way you get to know the pilots personally. They were only 21-22 but they were fighting for our freedom. It is amazing to think that was all going on over our heads here in the Ashford area.

YOUR LETTERS

Mobile camera was rather underhand

I was so annoyed when I read your story about the number of speeding tickets being issued rocketing because of the junction ten road works.

Everyone who used the roads feeding into it during the road works were already hugely inconvenienced, and to then set up a mobile speed camera to snap motorists when they were actually able to travel faster than walking speed seems rather underhand.

Gail Turner
Via email

Surely return is worth the cost?

While surprised at the number of motorists captured on film last year, surely the most surprising aspect of the story is that there is only one fixed speed camera in the town? And given the number of kids racing through the streets of south Ashford, how come that one exists in Hythe Road?

I appreciate the costs, but if one mobile and one fixed camera can generate £456,540, surely the £37,000 set up cost delivers a suitably massive return?

T Hubbard
Singleton

Change will only come if we make it

In response to Susan Wright's letter in Yourashford last week



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about how we must just be patient about waiting for the town to finally deliver on its potential, surely we've been waiting long enough?

Yes, I'm sure eventually Ashford will be a marvellous place to live, but the promise of a glorious future has been in the offing for 20-plus years now and

some of us who live here would like to see it emerge from its cocoon before we shuffle off this mortal coil.

P Cohen
Via email

We should accept rail link reality

Isn't it about time we stop getting our hopes up about Eurostar bringing the Brussels service back to the town?

I appreciate people like Damian Green cannot be seen not to be supporting more services, but the hard truth is that, if anything, the rumour mill suggests Ashford may lose services rather than gain them.

Harold Goff
Willesborough



Don't encourage mindless violence

I don't think a newspaper which claims a family audience should be publicising the latest horrible video game - Grand Theft Auto IV.

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Mrs I Potter
Via email

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Question: What is the name of the garden that UrbanWare will be exhibiting at this year's Chelsea Flower Show?

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Featuring more than 20 performers and a live band, the two-hour show is packed with hits from the King of Pop's extraordinary back catalogue – both as a solo artist and with the Jackson Five. With choreography by MTV Award-winning LaVelle Smith Jnr, it promises to be a spectacular experience.

Last autumn saw the release of the 25th anniversary version of Jackson's record-breaking album Thriller. The new updated version includes contributions by contemporary artists such as Fergie, Kanye West and Akon, and modern musicians continue to reflect the influence of this iconic superstar.

Jackson, who will celebrate his 50th birthday this year, was the seventh of nine children and he began his showbiz career by joining the Jackson Five at the age of 11.

He was soon sharing lead vocals with brother Jermaine and the group set a record when their first four singles all reached number one in the US Billboard Hot 100. Though they became extremely successful, the Jacksons' childhoods are believed to have been dominated by the strict attentions of their father Joseph.

Jackson went on to begin a staggeringly successful solo career, his 1979



release Off The Wall becoming the first ever album to feature four Top 10 hits and going platinum seven times over.

Then in 1982 he released what would become the world's biggest selling album of all time. Sales figures vary depending on the source, but to date Thriller is believed to have sold about 65 million copies. It also prompted what many consider to be the real birth of the music video, with the 13-minute accompanying film still popular today.

Jackson continued to release highly successful albums and singles, but as the years went on his increasingly bizarre personal life began to overshadow his remarkable talent.

During the 1980s his skin began to visibly lighten, causing speculation that he was bleaching his skin, but he was later diagnosed with vitiligo and lupus. Plastic surgery and weight loss have also helped make him virtually unrecognisable as the young man from the Jackson Five.

He was briefly married to Elvis Presley's daughter Lisa Marie in the mid-90s. Then in 1996 he married nurse Deborah Jeanne Rowe, with whom he had two children, but they divorced three years later.

His friendships with young boys, mostly conducted at his Neverland ranch, have also caused controversy. A number of accusations of child molestation have been made against Jackson, most recently leading to his trial and subsequent acquittal in 2005.

But however bizarre Jackson's private life may become, his outstanding legacy as an unforgettable musical force will always be celebrated.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £32.50/£16.25. Call the box office on 01322 220000 or book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

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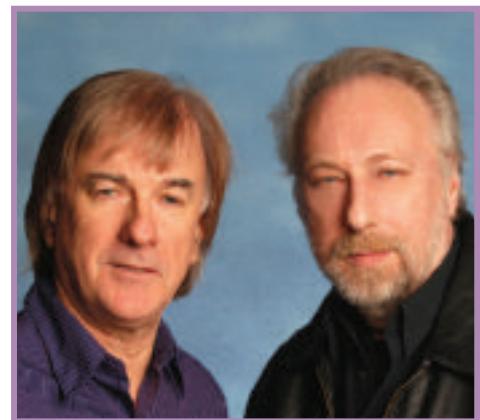
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Wednesday, May 28
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TWO legendary bands will be taking to the stage in one amazing concert when Folkestone welcomes The Zombies and The Yardbirds.

In the 60s The Zombies were part of the British invasion of America and were one of the few UK acts to enjoy true global popularity. They scored two US number one singles, drew crowds of more than 30,000 in the Philippines and their inventive chord structures really set them apart from their contemporaries. Hits included She's Not There, Tell Her No and Time of the Season, and their influence can still be heard in the work of modern artists such as Paul Weller, REM and The Thrills.



It is claimed that The Yardbirds (pictured) laid much of the groundwork for rock guitar as we know it. The line-up has variously included Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Jimmy Page and Gypie Mayo, while their

music bridged the gap between early 60s white R&B and the psychedelic power chords of the 70s.

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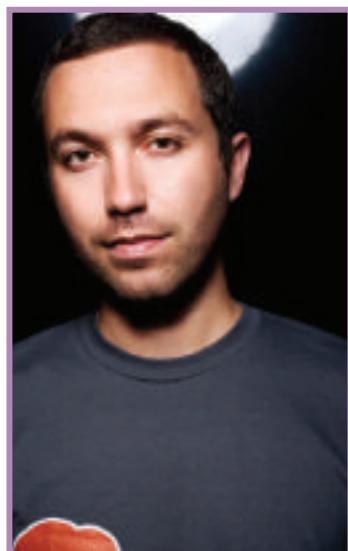
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In the build-up to Radio 1's Big Weekend Aftershow Party, local hero Nic Fanciulli (pictured) will be making a return to The Source Bar for the first time in six years. He has not been back to the venue since his Thursday night residency there set him on the path to stardom. Joining him for the first ever Saved Session will be co-owner of Saved Records Andy Chatterley, their latest signing Mat Playford and Steve Mac making his debut live performance.

On Friday, house legend Paul Woolford will be leading the celebrations. His latest album The Truth was voted album of the month in both DJ and IDJ magazines, while summer clubbers can look forward to his residency for We Love... Sundays at Space in Ibiza.

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Saturday, May 10
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THE legacy of an acclaimed comedian and writer is explored in the stage show Celebrating Linda Smith.

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Her deadpan diatribes about everyday irritations earned her the respect and affection of millions. She was voted Wittiest Person by a poll of Radio 4 listeners and won new fans with appearances on TV shows like Mock The Week, QI, Room 101 and Have I Got News For You.

Smith sadly died of ovarian cancer in 2006 at the age of 48. Her partner Warren Lakin will be joined on stage by actors Kate Rutter and Mike McCarthy to pay tribute to Smith through a variety of stand-up routines,



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Hate to say I told you so but line-up's great

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

SWEDISH rockers The Hives are among the latest bands to be confirmed as playing at Zoo8 festival.

The Scandinavian showmen – famed for hits such as Hate To Say I Told You So, Die Alright and Tick Tick Boom – will headline the main stage on Sunday, July 6, bringing the inaugural three-dayer to a close.

Other bands signed up are hardcore punk outfit Gallows, Minus the Bear and Flogging Molly.

Zoo Thousand director Matt Dice said: "It's taken months of negotiations and sleepless nights to get to this stage – but it's all worth it when things come together and you see what a great line-up we've got."

Big names

Among the other big name acts to play at the three day Port Lympne festival are covers star Mark Ronson, grime rapper Dizzee Rascal and rock 'n' rollers The Cribs, British Sea Power and The Young Knives.

Gallows will play a Zoo8 warm-up show at the Tap 'n' Tin in Chatham on Saturday, May 10. The cult venue will have its own stage across the festival.

Tap 'n' Tin events manager Chris Pritchard said he was looking forward to the festival, saying: "Gallows are just the tip of the iceberg.

"We've got top acts across the bill over the weekend, meaning our headliners will be supported by some of the best names around."

Zoo8 takes place at the Hythe zoo from Friday to Sunday, July 4-6, and boasts a capacity crowd of 20,000.

Weekend tickets cost £99 and include camping. Day tickets cost £45.

For details see www.zoothousand.com.



HEADLINERS: The Hives will close the festival, Gallows will play a warm up gig at the Tap 'n' Tin

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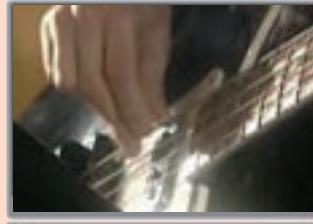
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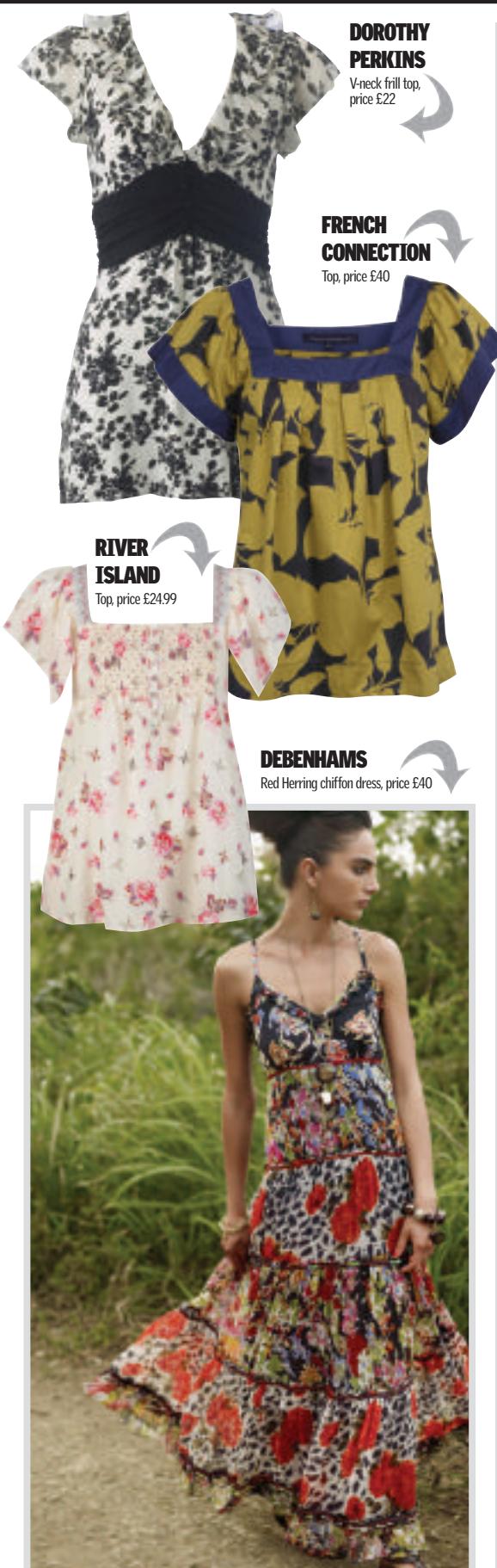
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Dive in to fruity new swimwear collection

LOOK like a star on the beach this summer with Elizabeth Hurley's new swimwear range for Mango.

The model and actress has designed the limited edition collection, which will go on sale at selected stores on Thursday, May 15. She has come up with 12 designs in a range of feminine colours, including 60s-inspired prints and some pretty accessories.

Start planning your summer shopping spree at www.mango.com.

Accessorise with the help of a bat or two

ANYONE who is batty about Batman will love the new range of jewellery from Nomination.

The Italian company has come up with a stylish range of accessories, under licence through Warner Brothers, to celebrate the release of The Dark Knight in July. The collection includes necklaces, earrings, bracelets, belt chains and key rings featuring the distinctive Batman logo. Prices range from £70 to £130.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

I'D DO ANYTHING
BBC ONE, 7.30pm, Saturday
BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT
ITV1, 8pm, Saturday

THE battle for your Saturday night attention is in full swing.

Britain's Got Talent and I'd Do Anything are the prime time beasts vying for your affection and the war is getting ugly, just ask Andrew Lloyd Webber.

On John Barrowman TV, or BBC One to give it its former title, Graham Norton is looking for a Nancy (and not for the first time, one suspects) and a boy to play Oliver Twist.

This show has attracted criticism of late, as accusers point to the notion that this is little more than an advert for Lloyd Webber's latest production, but that criticism is a bit misplaced.

Not because those who have been having a dig at the BBC for its free plugging of Lord Webber's Oliver don't have a point, but misplaced because this show is utterly hideous from start to finish.

The over enthusiastic, stage school self-satisfaction of it all sees to that.

With a cloying desperation to make it on the stage, the wannabe Nancys and Olivers strut their stuff each week as we head closer to the inevitable, overly dramatic finale in which one of each group will land a part in the West End.

If ever there was a talent contest glorified beyond all reasonable doubt then this is it.

Two weeks ago, Lloyd Webber stormed off of the set as the closing titles set in.

The reason was that the British public had picked up their telephones,



DON'T STAY IN: There has to be a reason to watch these talent shows but it escapes me spent their money on the calls and disagreed with who he thought should be voted out.

How dare they?

Over on ITV1, Britain's Got Talent is also waving the talent show flag.

This is a bit like X Factor for dummies but, unlike its BBC counterpart, at least this slice of showbiz doesn't take itself too seriously.

The public remind us that we have a true mix of the bad, sad and truly mad and it's only very rarely that we see something truly worthy of the word talent.

Simon Cowell is still on fine form, dispensing ever bolder statements about how bad performers are, and ex-tabloid editor Piers Morgan also chips in with a few bombastic insults of his own.

While neither programme is worth staying in for on a Saturday, of the two BGT is at least a little endearing, not that Cowell would ever admit it.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) FORGING a partnership is an excellent idea but you may have to do all the running so swallow your pride and do what's necessary. Changes are on the horizon with regard to your home. Although you're not a big fan of change, this one will give you a tremendous emotional lift.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

PICTURES (Feb 20-Mar 20) YOUR personal life is becoming a little more stable, much to your relief. It's nice to know you have people to lean on when times get tough. Don't be too stringent about the way your home should be organised. The more flexible you are, the happier your domestic situation will be.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) THERE'S never been a better time to get a new look. When you look good, you feel good. You could be paid handsomely for your creative work so price your creations as any professional would. Contrary to popular belief, artists can make lots of money doing what they love best.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) THERE'S no point arguing with a stubborn relative. They are refusing to try anything new, even if it's in their best interests. Unfortunately, it won't be easy to escape their influence. You may have to devise some underhanded ways to enjoy your freedom.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) JOINING a group or making time for friends is good for you. You make more progress by working as a member of a team. It's possible you'll be trusted with a serious work project. This assignment won't come naturally, but it will give you some valuable skills. Forget any nagging fears.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23) YOU'RE bursting with energy and confidence, which helps you overcome some formidable obstacles. This is a great week to launch an exercise program or train for a race. It's best not to discuss controversial topics in mixed company or a good friendship could be torn apart.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23) YOU'LL need to resume some responsibilities this week. Fortunately, you're feeling fresh and well rested. It's important to stay in constant communication with an authority figure or your boss will think you are out of order. If a friend asks you to accompany them on a trip, accept immediately.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) YOU face fierce competition in the professional arena. Fortunately, you'll be able to outperform your rivals, provided you stay healthy and rested. A good night's sleep will make all the difference between victory and defeat. A new relationship could make its way into your life.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) YOU'RE going to have to conduct yourself professionally if you're going to rise through the ranks. As much as it pains you to do so, you need to dress the part. You've been blessed with wit, intelligence, and charm. That may not be enough. It's time to prove you can play by the rules, too.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23) IT'S possible you will be asked to work in obscurity. This may not sit well with you, but don't despair. It could be that this stint will lead to better things. Follow your instincts, especially at work. Money could finally be awarded to you. Put this in a retirement fund or pay some bills.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) YOUR sex drive may go through the stratosphere this week. If you're single, make a move on someone sexy who tickles your fancy. If you already have a partner, arrange for a rendezvous. Health problems could crop up. Once this situation clears up, you'll have much more energy.

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Safari, so good for animal park

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

IT'S 5.30am and the Zimbabwean twang of the warden's voice calls through our tent to inform us tea and coffee is being served in the lodge ahead of the morning safari.

As I drag myself out of one of the two comfortable twin beds deep within the luxury canvas home on stilts in which I'm staying, I peer out over the countryside below.

A couple of giraffes lazily nibble at leaves on a tree, while wildebeest frolic as dawn break.

As I look out across the landscape I can see for miles. In fact, I can see France. And Dungeness power station – and no, my eyes were not playing tricks on me.

Billed as the only experience of its kind in the northern hemisphere, those with a penchant for animals and a little luxury can now experience the thrills of getting up close and personal with creatures more at home on the Serengeti than the wilds of East Kent.

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, halfway between Hythe and Ashford, started its Livingstone



UNUSUAL ATTRACTION: It could be the Serengeti but it's really a Port Lympne safari

Lodge short-breaks last summer.

The package is short and sweet – it's a one-night stay – but its ability to transport you to a world a million miles away is remarkable.

Checking in at 4pm, with a bucks fizz reception on a small decked area in the centre of the park, you and your luggage are then loaded on to a safari truck and with a group of experienced rangers – all of whom come complete with

authentic Southern Africa accents and experience of life on the plains – you are transported around the 100 acres of land, past the rhino and elephant enclosures, for the trip to your hidden retreat.

About an hour and a half later you make your way to the hilltop, where the views down across Romney Marsh and the English Channel are quite tremendous. But not as tremendous as seeing a gag-

gle of giraffes blocking the road a few yards from the tents and lodge; your accommodation for the night.

In truth, the word 'tent' doesn't actually do it justice. There's enough space to not only swing a cat but probably a pride of lions too.

Nor will you actually stay there for long. Because then it is straight down to the Lapa – the lodge where comfy sofas nestle on one side, and a dining area on the other.

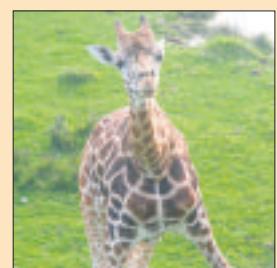
After welcoming drinks the evening meal is served around 7.30pm. And the food was quite exceptional. Take your pick from plump prawns to slices of succulent beef – it was perfect.

Bright and early the following morning you're woken and after coffee and croissants, you're back on the truck and heading off for a dawn safari.

Once back there's time for breakfast and then you are free to spend the rest of the day at the park.

OK, so health and safety regulations mean you're not going to pull up and see a lion hunting down some hapless antelope, nor is the adrenalin going to pump at the threat of elephants bearing down on you.

But, as an experience – and perhaps more importantly – something genuinely different, this may well prove hard to beat.



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Made of Honour revolves around Tom (Patrick Dempsey) and Hannah (Michelle Monaghan), who have been friends for 10 years. While Hannah has always been interested in Tom, he has always treated her as a friend. He's a serial dater, while she wants marriage, she just hasn't found Mr Right...yet.

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Angela Bridges (Rachel Nichols), a young executive, works late before she leaves for a family party. When she gets down to the parking garage, she discovers her car won't start. The garage is deserted and her cell phone does not work. When Thomas (Wes Bentley), a security guard, offers to help, Angela nervously accepts his gesture of good will.

Walking to work from the office

■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

I DON'T even notice Mackenzie Crook until he tries to slide past my chair, he is so unassuming. The actor who made his name as Gareth in The Office apologises needlessly and takes his seat with a tentative smile.

Perhaps it is the 10 years he spent on the comedy circuit trying to break into acting – "I only meant to do it for two or three" – or the fact that he sees himself as an ordinary dad living in north London – "my daughter's three months old and my son is five" – but Crook doesn't seem to have let his time hanging out with Johnny Depp while filming Pirates Of The Caribbean go to his head.

Here to discuss his latest film, Three And Out, about a Tube driver who takes desperate measures to escape his miserable life, once he starts talking, there's no mistaking David Brent's hollow-eyed, war-obsessed right-hand man.

Despite his new-found fame, the 36-year-old, who was born in Maidstone and grew up in Dartford, says he still finds descriptions of his physical appearance, such as 'cadaverous', rather unfair.

"I know I'm thin and have bags under my eyes, but that means corpse-like. But that's the look that's got me most of the parts I've played."

And as if aware that complaining about his looks is, at best, ridiculous, the actor grins. Since The Office, Crook has been embraced by Hollywood. Given a recurring role as Ragetti in the Pirates of the Caribbean trilogy, which has grossed almost \$3 billion, he's also worked with Johnny Depp in Finding Neverland and Matt Damon in The Brothers Grimm.

"I feel like I'm very lucky to be working as a professional actor and don't feel I have the right to turn down a role. During Pirates I was away for a very long time, almost six months

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of my son's first year. Doing Three And Out was mostly based around north London which was ideal because I could walk to work."

In his latest film, Mackenzie plays Paul Callow, a depressed Underground train driver who wants to be a writer. After watching two people fall under his train, his workmates tell him that three 'oneunders' in a month equals instant retirement and a payout. And – on the edge of breakdown – Paul decides to find someone willing to be his third.

The movie has already been the subject of controversy. Accusing the film's makers of insensitivity, the union of train drivers protested at the premiere, arguing that suicide shouldn't be a source of comedy.

"It's a bit disappointing, I have to admit that," Crook says diplomatically. "It's not like my character enjoys running someone over and gleefully goes off to try and do it again. He is traumatised by it. It's also not what we dwell on, and not what the movie's about."

"I think when the people who are objecting go to the movie, they'll be pleasantly surprised."



VERY LUCKY: Mackenzie Crook spent 10 years on the comedy circuit before breaking into acting

During the film, Paul Callow has a fling with future Bond girl Gemma Arterton. Crook says for the first time he was faced with a love scene.

"Admittedly she didn't know she was a Bond girl at the time," he laughs. "That was a bonus. It was interesting that there was this romantic storyline in there, because I'm not often offered those sorts of parts."

But at the moment, everyone seems to love him. Well, apart from the train drivers' union.

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TAKE ME OUT

Fun loving female, nearly 30, petite with dark hair, bored of being single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time. Box 495349

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Single mum of 1, 31, bubbly, bright, 5ft6, brown hair, green eyes, size 14 and curvy, seeking tall, muscular, outgoing guy for socialising and more. Box 493800

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UNDER THE BOARDWALK

Black female, 32, 5ft8, likes cooking, reading, going out. WLMta a horse man 34-50, down2earth and fun to be with, to find out more. Box 438555

EXPRESSLY YOURS

17/18 Chinese girl, 5ft4, slim, no children, seeking male, white, loving, caring, all Eastern male for serious relationship. Box 439391

MY CHERYL AMOUR

Hil I'm Cheryl, 31, 5ft3, blonde size 10, have 2 girls, I like walking, the gym and socialising, seeking a similar male for potential partnership! Box 437778

ALL IN GOOD TIME

Tall, blonde, 31, 5ft8, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel; seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

ARE YOU RIGHT?

Single Mum, 30, 5ft2, short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437895

PICK OF THE LITTER

Upcoming, 29, bored silly and just looking for friends to go out and have a laugh with, nothing else. Preferably students in the Canterbury. Box 895165

LIVE, LAUGH & LOVE

Lively, attractive female, 32, 5ft5, looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124

QUESTIONS OF SPORT

Carefree, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

TAKE ME OUT

Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5ft8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more. Box 438941

CUDY
32yr old woman, 5ft6, brown hair, curly, figure I enjoy having fun and a laugh, and WLM nice, kind gent. Box 439402

NO BAGGAGE, SO LET'S PACE
Hi I'm 33, from Canterbury, non-worker as have heart problems, looking to meet someone, kind, honest, caring and affectionate for romantic times. Box 436785

ROUTINE TWO

19yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437638

FOREVER YOURS

I'm 24, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, bubbly, hair, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

TAKE A CHANCE

Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for night in/out and cinema. Box 414156

YOLANDA RIDE MY BIKE?

Yolanda, 34, 5ft5, fair hair, blue hair, hard working, loves to walk my dog and ride my motorcycle. Would you like to join me? Box 892927

TRY NEW THINGS

Mum to 2, 32, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559

R U THE 1?

Outgoing, caring, young-looking female, 44, 5ft6, brown hair, blonde hair, slim, seeking a male to meet for friendship & leading to more. Box 43107

ROMANCE IS ALIVE

Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks someone to love and romance. Box 419390

MUM'S THE WORD

Attractive black female, 36, 5ft7, slim, medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 439329

SHES THE ONE!

Young female, 34, 5ft6, blonde hair, 48, medium build, short dark hair, blue eyes, size 16, likes dancing out, staying in, walks in the country, seeking LTR with similar interests. Box 437729

IT'S IN THE AIR

Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for night in/out and cinema. Box 414156

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE

Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for night in/out and cinema. Box 414156

WATSONS BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate brunnette, 44, 5ft6, blonde hair, size 16, loves socialising, cinema, chilling out, seeking a similar male to fall in love with. Box 439885

AS NICE AS CAN BE!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft6, brown eyes, slim, fun-loving, loves socialising, cinema, chilling out, seeking a male to fall in love with. Box 439885

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD

Loving and loyal 50 year old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks someone to love and romance. Box 419390

WHAT'S IN THE WORD

Attractive black female, 36, 5ft7, slim, medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 439329

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft6, slim, fun-loving, loves socialising, cinema, chilling out, seeking a male to fall in love with. Box 439885

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, seeks a male to meet for friendship & leading to more. Box 43107

WE ARE ONE

Young female, 34, 5ft6, blonde hair, slim, seeking a male to meet for friendship & leading to more. Box 43107

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One woman, 45, no ties, one tie, honest, warm and kind. You are tall, honest, caring, kind, caring, kind, caring. If so get in touch. Box 918163

DON'T PASS ME BY

Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5ft6, GSOH, enjoys socialising, pub, smoking, looking for a male to fall in love with. Box 428441

ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5ft2, eyes of blue, redheaded. Likes cinema, good food, beach walks, travel, fun and friends. Box 439952

SOFA SO GOOD!

Sassy, 46yr old woman, small and slim, brown hair with hazel eyes, likes music, films, animals, dancing and snuggling and fun. Box 439952

SHINE A LIGHT ON ME

I'm Dawn, 47, quite shy and reserved, looking for someone special: I'm 5ft6, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, active, have one dog, fun and love. Box 439952

ALONG THE SHORE

Fun loving 48yr old woman. I enjoy walking and romantic strolls. WLMt handsome, caring, adventurous man, 45-50, brown hair, blue eyes, size 10. Box 439793

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, seeking, caring, staying in, seeking a male to meet for friendship & leading to more. Box 439952

DON'T PASS ME BY

Petite, single mum of 4, 38yrs old. Kent based, into most things, looking for friends, possibly romance! Box 437913

READ ME AGAIN

Lovely single Mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLMt similar male for fun and laughs, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372883

OH MANDY

Mandy, 38, blonde, bubbly, petite and slim, very tactile and bubbly, professional, fun, caring, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 437913

YOUNG AT HEART

Attractive 36yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, cinema, socialising, WLMt, seeking a male to meet for fun, for friendship/relationship. Box 373778

NEVER SAY NEVER

Descent 36yr old female, medium build, hair, 5ft6, likes evenings, eating & having fun, seeking a male to meet for friendship/relationship. Box 437913

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Seeking a female for friendship, companion, initially for friendship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439853

MINDS HAD OWN BUSINESS?
All round, 36, 5ft6, medium build, blonde, 5ft6, blonde hair, seeking a male to meet for friendship and companion, perhaps more. Box 439026

COME ON OVER
Kevin, 33, 5ft4, interested in people, 5ft6, brown hair, blue eyes, seeking a male to travel with and possibly find love. Box 439840

WALK THE WALK
Young-looking, medium-build, blonde, short, seeking a male, confident, sensible guy for regular walking, dining, loving and laughter. Box 438845

DON'T PASS ME BY
Young 51 year old, 5ft4, medium build, blonde, 5ft6, blonde hair, very happy-go-lucky likes dancing, walks, eating out. Box 439068

DEEPER
Gentle, kind, female, 48, likes walking, swimming, socialising, cinema, seeking a male to meet for friendship and companion. Box 439068

ENTERTAIN ME
Young female, 36, 5ft6, blonde, 5ft6, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeking a male to meet for friendship and companion. Box 439068

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BIRTHS

BILLS

Ellen Elizabeth (Nell) formerly of The Saltings, Whitstable passed away in her sleep on 25th April 2008.

A much loved mum, Nan and great Nan. She will be sadly missed by all the family and all who knew her. All enquiries and flowers to John Kemp Funeral Directors, 26 Harbour Street, Whitstable.

BLUNDRED

Michael and Kelly Blundred of New Romney celebrate the birth of their daughter Sophie Louise on 21st April 2008.

BOARMAN

David and Claire of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Camilla Rose, born at home on 25th April 2008. A new baby sister for Isabella, William and Angus.

BOWLES

Darren and Sharon Bowles of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Oliver James Bowles on 18th April 2008.

BOYLE

Genie Rose born on 29th March 2008 to proud parents Jake and Claire and sister to Louis, Sage and Phoenix. All our wishes come true.

BRAMWELL

Stuart and Tracey are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their handsome son Daniel Bramwell, he arrived at 10.35pm on the 15th April and weighed 7lb exactly!!

BROOKS-COVENY

Karmann-Porsche Carrera Mercedes Clio Princess born on 17th April 2008, weighing 6lbs. Daughter to Michael and Angela in Barming.

BROWN / SPILLER
Dwayne and Laura of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Saidie Leigh, on 25th April 2008. A new baby sister for Reece.

CHANG

Mark and Haedeh are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Dana Li Yue on 14th April 2008 weighing 8lb 4oz. A sister for Aida.

CHAPMAN

Paul and Helen Chapman of Edenbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Lainey Mae Chapman born 8th April 2008 weighing 5lb 2oz - a little sister for Ethan.

CHEEL-JENNINGS

Ian and Nicole are proud to announce the birth of their twin girls Chelsea Claire Priscilla and Heidi Lisa Angela born on 9th April 2008 weighing 2lb 15oz and 3lb 3oz at Darent Valley Hospital. Two baby sisters for James.

COX

Katie and Owen Cox of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Megan Susan Cox on 20th April 2008.

CREASEY

Latita and Alan Creasey of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Ethan Antonio Creasey on 25th March 2008.

CULPAN

Beautiful girl Georgie Mary Culpin was born on 25th March 2008 weighing in at 5lb 15oz.

Daughter to Anthony and Kirstie. Dover Kent

DEVELL

Harry and Rachel are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Grace Betsy born on 22nd April 2008 weighing 5lb 10oz a sister for Leigh.

DIX

Sophia Dix born on the 15th April 2008, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Toby Dix and Chantal Jackman in Hythe.

EDWARDS

Sam and Nicola are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Chloe Marie on 22nd April 2008 weighing 6lb 6oz. A sister for Josh.

FERGUSON

Roy and Nicola Ferguson of Hever are proud to announce the birth of their son Benjamin George Ferguson, born 17th April 2008 weighing 8lb 11oz.

FIELD

Jessie Anne Sophie Field was born to her delighted parents Lee and Alison on the 17th April 2008. She was born at 3.13am and weighed 7lb 11oz. Jessica is a bundle of joy for all her family.

FOWLER

Liam Daniel Fowler born on 24th April 2008 to Daniel and Louise in Maidstone. baby brother to Katie.

FROST-OLIVER

Maria, James and Morgan are pleased to

announce the birth of Jude Freddy Seymour Frost-Oliver on 22nd April 2008 at Maidstone, weighing 7lb 11oz.

GHAG

Onkar and Raman are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their

handsome son Rahul Singh Ghag, who was born on the 29th March 2008 at 11.15 am and weighed 6lb 5oz.

GOUGH

Sarah and Dean of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alfie Dean Kevin, born on 11th April 2008 at QEQM Hospital Margate. Our most beautiful and precious son.

GRATTAN-WILKINSON

Samuel Sutherland born on 24th April 2008, weighing 7lb 10oz.

Beloved son of Mirjam Schrenk and Gavin Grattan Wilkinson in Maidstone.

GRIGGS

To Sarah of Herne Bay a beautiful son, Finlay Max, born on 17th April 2008 weighing 9lb 6oz. First grandchild for Sandra and Trevor.

HALL / BEGENT

Ky and Michelle of Canterbury are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Melissa Louise Hall, on 9th April 2008.

HEATH

Tony and Debbie are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Scarlett Poppy Heath a sister for Alana and Lexie. Scarlett was born on the 12th April at 5.44 pm and weighed 6lb 15oz.

HENNESSEY

Jessica Anne Sophie Hennessy was born to her delighted parents Graham and Alison of Whitstable on 27th March 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz. Sophia Louise, on 22nd April 2008. Sophia weighed 11lb 8oz.

IRVING / AUSTIN

David and Gemma of Faversham are extremely proud to announce the birth of their gorgeous son, Jaydon David Irving, on 24th April 2008 weighing 7lb 5oz.

MARTIN

Ben and Helen of Faversham are proud to announce the birth of their son, Daniel Benjamin, on 14th April 2008. Daniel weighed 6lb 9oz.

MUREFU

Jeremiah and Precious are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son Luke Murefu. He was born on the 16th April 2008 at 4.10pm and weighed 6lb 14oz. May the good lord be with him always.

NEAL

George and Aimee Neal of Hildenborough are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Phoebe Hilda born 24th April 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz.

NOBLE

Jacqueline and Ian of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their son Alfie Jack, born at home on 22nd April 2008. Brother to Lottie and Alexandra.

PAYNE

Jason and Jenny of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their second son, Taylor Mackenzie, on 26th April 2008. A new baby brother for Bradley.

RAI

Manju and Jiwan Rai of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Riva Rai on 4th April 2008.

RAMKURRUN

Gavin and Katrina are pleased to announce the birth of their first son Theon on 22nd April 2008 weighing 7lb 8oz at Pembury Hospital. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

RONCHETTI

Theo Donovan born on 27th March 2008 weighing 6lb 12oz. Son to Judith and Marco in Maidstone.

ROPER

Alex and Nicola of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Caden Charlie, born at home on 18th April 2008. A new baby brother for Lucas and Jacob.

SAIT

Helena and Jonathan Sait are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Ivana May on 9th April 2008 weighing 7lb 14oz.

STRAFFON

Justin and Leanne of Hersden are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Mya-Grace, on 25th April 2008. She weighed 7lb 15oz.

WELLS-CUTTS

William and Hayley of Faversham are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Caelen Louis James, on 19th April 2008.

WHITING

Lexie Bea born on 7th April 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital weighing 8lb 1oz.

WHITE

Daughter to Mark and Louisa, sister for Ellie, Eoin and Oscar.

DEATHS

ALLEN

Rod Allen of Walderslade passed away suddenly on 17th April 2008.

Donations to Button Funeral Services, 417 High Street Chatham.

ANDREW

Derek John Andrew of Kingswood passed away on 23rd April 2008. Enquiries to A.W. Crafty Green 01622 85084.

ARTHUR

Jack Arthur passed away on 25th April 2008. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium at 15:20pm on Friday 9th May 2008. Donations for Victoria Hospital to Dilnot Smith and Son 01304 380914.

JERROM

Irene Jerrom of Borough Green formerly of Thorpe Bay passed away peacefully on 25th April 2008 aged 92.

OWEN

Barry Owen of Crayford who worked at GSK Dartford died suddenly on 23rd April 2008.

McKEEN

Olive Lilian Bevan, ex Deputy Headmistress of Gordon Girls School, Gravesend, died peacefully at Wombwell Nursing Home on 27th April 2008 aged 97 years. Funeral to be held at Medway Crematorium on Tuesday 13th May at 11.00am. All friends are welcome to attend, please phone 0780 3507644 if you should wish to participate in Olives farewell.

McKINLEY

Thomas Joseph McKinley passed away on the 20th April 2008 at Wilmington Manor. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral 11.00 on the 12th May at Eltham Crematorium 8th May at 2pm. Enquiries to Welham Jones Sevenoaks 0830 1476.

MEAGER

James (Jim) Meager formerly of The Grove West Kingsdown passed away 26th April aged 74 years after a long illness. Funeral service at St Edmund King and Martyr on Monday 12th May at West Kingsdown.

Further details from Welham Jones Funeral Directors 01322 619100.

MEEKS

Joan Dorothy Meeks (formerly Marshall of Whistable) of Canterbury passed away on 21st April 2008 aged 87 years. A loving mum, Nan, great Nan and great great Nan who will be very sadly missed by all the family. The funeral is to be held at Barham, all enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Care, Herne Bay. Family flowers only but if desired donations to The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury.

MUMFORD

Audrey passed away on the 25th April 2008. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium on 13:20pm on 8th May 2008. Enquiries to J Dilnot Smith and Son 01304 380914.

OLOUGHIN

James (Locky) passed away on 15th April 2008 at home in Leydown aged 68. Beyond the gate you will find happiness and rest and there is comfort in the thought that you will remain close to us. Kimberley Nursing Home and Queen Victoria Hospital, Herne Bay.

WEST

Gladys West of Beltinge passed away peacefully on 29th April 2008, following a long illness. Beloved wife of Albert, loving mother to David and Philip, much loved grandmother and great grandmother. The family wish to express their heart felt gratitude to the staff of both The Kimberley Nursing Home

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PROPERTY NEWS

Homeowners glad to recommend builder to friends

AROUND three quarters of people living in new houses are satisfied with the standard of construction and would recommend their builder to a friend who wanted work done.

The third annual Customer Satisfaction Survey by the Home Builders Federation showed a 76 per cent approval rate on the question of quality, with 75 per cent happy to recommend whoever did the work to others.

The results were very similar to last year, with variations of just two per cent in the proportion of satisfied persons.

The survey comes after an attack on the industry as a whole by entrepreneur Eddie Shah, who called into question standards of workmanship in an article to a magazine entitled Show Home.

This article was attacked in turn by Alan Ritchie, general secretary of UK construction workers union UCATT.

Federation chairman Stewart Baseley said: "Ensuring that customers are happy with their new homes is of crucial importance to homebuilders."

Villages appeal to quarter of people in dream survey

A WISH list of dream homes has shown that around a quarter of people would like to live in a small village.

The traditional idea of a country dwelling full of character tops the list of respondents to the survey by insurance firm Legal and General, called Home Sweet Homes.

The survey looked at what was on offer in town and country and found the village was soaring in popularity – up to 25 per cent chose it following on from just eight per cent last year.

The number of people wanting to live in a city was nine per cent, while the countryside polled in 16 per cent.

But only 15 per cent said their home matched up to their aspirations.

Legal and General's insurance marketing director Garry Skelton said: "The survey would indicate that people are still positive about the housing market given the number of respondents who still wish to live in their dream home."



THE FUTURE: A Kent company's design for this eco-home was one of the main attractions at this year's Ideal Home Show.

How green is our county?

THE county leads the way when it comes to eco-friendly features in homes, according to a study of how green the UK's houses really are.

Solar panels, wind turbines or rainwater harvesting systems are most common in Kent – with 53 properties on the market in the county having one or more of these.

Devon came next with 52, while Hampshire (42), Surrey (36) and Somerset (34) all did well.

In the north of England the picture wasn't so good with people putting eco home improvements way down the agenda when it

■ BY NICK AMES

comes to houses on the market.

The survey was undertaken by Globrix, an industry analyst group which is part owned by newspaper publishers News International.

It discovered that the more stable market in the South provided an equity buffer which would fund possibly expensive and optional extras.

Homes with environmentally friendly features where in short supply in the North and Midlands – where the first dip in the housing market was noticed around a year ago.

Solar panels, which use the sun's energy to heat water or warm a property, have become increasingly popular.

Turbines can generate electricity, while collecting rainwater cuts down on bills.

Other green initiatives include replacing standard light bulbs with energy-saving ones, improving insulation, low-flow showerheads which cut down on water waste.

Window tinting to reduce heat loss in winter and heat gain in summer is also becoming more popular.

But estate agents admit that they still regard the eco-friendly accessories and modifications as a luxury rather than an integral

part of the features of a property. James Scott-Lee of Chancellors said: "I am yet to come across one (buyer) who has come back to say they are unhappy with the energy certificate for a property, or that they want a lump of money off because they are going to have to install solar panels."

Other estate agents say they feel homeowners are nervous of installing improvements for which they may not be able to recoup the cost in a resale.

Neil Chegwidden, head of residential research at industry specialists Jones Lang Lassalle said: "In a weaker market buyers, particularly at the bottom end, are just looking for value for money."

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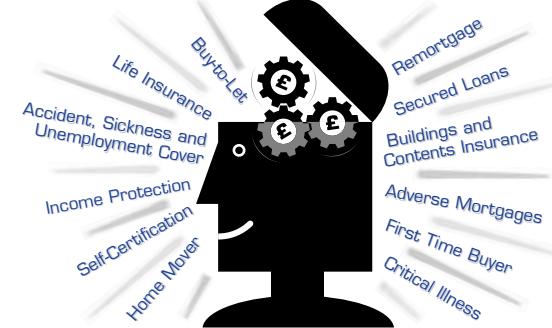
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Enjoy the chance of an escape to Italy

ROMANTICS could win a luxury holiday to Verona, Italy – top prize at this weekend's test drive event at KAP Nissan, Folkestone.

Verona, setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, was chosen to reflect the luxurious spec on models such as the Micra Acenta+, Micra C+C Acenta (pictured) and Note Acenta R models, including Bluetooth phone integration, air con, electric mirrors and alloys.

KAP's Graham Furneaux said: "Motorists will fall for the Micra and Note's style, elegance and great performance. And with a chance to win a trip to one of the most romantic cities in the world, we're certain they'll find it hard to resist a visit."



Others offer the Long Way Down

COLLEAGUES at Baileys, Canterbury, are also tempting people into test drives this weekend, but concentrating on Nissan's now formidable 4x4 range.

Early arrivals could walk away with a DVD box set of eight adventure-themed films including 'Long Way Down' – Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman's motorcycle trek down South Africa, with two hardy Nissan Patrols as back-up.

Models on offer this weekend include a special edition Navara pick-up (pictured) with leather seats, sunroof and 'Long Way Down' flashes, badge and floor mats – from £17,995+VAT.



Others back the bikes

CHRYSLER'S all-new seven-seat Grand Voyager has demonstrated its people and cargo-lugging powers by acting as support vehicle for the three-day/120-mile Lady Mayoress' Charity Cycle Ride from Canterbury to Arras in Northern France.

The car was supplied by Dutton Forshaw – the Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge dealer at Broad Oak Road, Canterbury – where dealer principal Lynne Kennard said: "This was a great event to be involved with and we had the perfect car to act as support vehicle in our new Grand Voyager."



CONQUEST: Citroën's new C5 has a distinctly Germanic feel to its design and advertising campaign, however the price tag it comes with is a lot more French

Citroën's 'Touch of Klaus' turns tables on Germans

CONTROVERSY often drives successful ads, so Citroën will be happy with politically correct grumbles about the 'teutonic' launch campaign for its new C5.

It headlines with a Wagnerian TV clip complete with sword duel, busty serving girls and an oompah band – stereotyping described as "inappropriate and tasteless" by a few MPs.

But public reaction has been positive for a campaign also featuring lines like "A Touch of Klaus", "Deutsch Marque", "Smit Hot" and, for the forthcoming estate model, "Das Boot".

By now, nobody can be unaware that this quintessentially French car maker is taking on German makers at their own game.

The new C5 is still quirky, but the newcomer even looks German, apart from Citroën's new chrome 'moustache' across the bonnet rather than Audi's heavy 'goatee'.

Having caught the eye, Citroën has been careful not to disappoint, with a Germanic quality about the feel of the car, although prices start from a non-Audi £16,995.

ROAD TEST

CITROËN C5

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

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| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating | ★★★★★ |

This has been made possible by conventional steel suspension on cheaper versions, with Citroën's trademark air-springing used higher up the range. Unfortunately, I was unable to try the former since the car loaned by Wilmoths of Ashford was an upmarket Exclusive with the hydro-pneumatic layout.

For the moment, this is the preferred choice anyway according to Wilmoths' manager John Ives, although he predicted more sales with the conventional layout as more people realise the new C5's blend of value and style.

I cannot argue with his confidence; looking beyond the frills of the 138bhp 2.0HDi Exclusive Auto (£21,595) I drove, it is not hard to see the C5's powerful underlying proposition in terms of style, comfort, fit and finish.

Citroën diehards will be happy they can still buy the famous 'feather-bed' suspension, especially as Citroën has tightened its tendency to roll into the bends, if not the rather light steering.

But you can also see how 'Germanic' underpinnings on cheaper versions could win new buyers in the increasingly competitive family/company car sector.



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| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
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| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Quality | ★★★★★ |

SEAT LEON



IT has taken car buyers longer to see the VW connection with Seat than it has with Skoda, but there is more momentum for the Spanish brand in the UK. However, the previous Leon based on the VW Golf Mark IV continues to be overlooked as an affordable used car buy; it has Golf underpinnings but is far more stylish, better to drive and boasts some of the best hot hatchbacks of recent years – the Cupra and Cupra Type R (pictured).

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IT will never win a beauty contest with its bluff face and saggy bodyline, but the BMW 1-Series is a formidable player on the used market – an affordable route into a badge that carries street cred and can ease the pain of downsizing. It is a tightly-sprung yet rewarding car to drive, but rear-wheel drive ensures the back seat and boot are a little cramped. Running costs are manageable and the diesels are good news for saving on fuel.

STAR QUALITY

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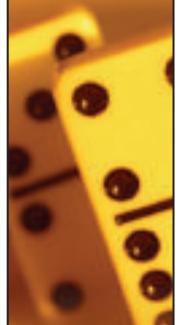
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If you would like further information about these exciting posts please contact in the first instance Dion Darley on 01622 626761 or email dion.darley@kent.gov.uk

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For general information about the posts please contact Dion Darley on 01622 626761. For detailed information about the posts please contact Helen Jones on 01227 284513.

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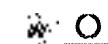
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Conference hears of green initiatives

A HEATING scheme fuelled by wood waste, an office 'pool bike', and the cultivation of urban pocket habitats are just some of the green initiatives local businesses are undertaking to reduce their impact on the environment.

These were among the presentations made at C4B's first environment conference, held on Earth Day recently in the main hall at Canterbury College.

C4B – Canterbury for Business – was launched in 2003. It is an economic partnership between the public, private and voluntary organisations operating within the district of Canterbury.

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No gimmicks – just a good CV

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A survey of CVs by an online recruitment site has found that four out of every ten received by an employer contain fundamental errors.

Spelling mistakes, poor punctuation and bad design or layout lead the list of worst CV crimes.

Jobsincredit.com interviewed 100 HR professionals at some of the UK's leading organisations.

As well as poor attention to detail, other errors included the omission of qualifications, key dates and even contact details for referees.

Brett Marlow, director of Jobsincredit.com, said: "With spelling and grammar checkers built into word processors, there's simply no excuse for a CV to contain typos.

"As for design, the principle offenders are the use of outlandish fonts and poor layout. A great CV needs to be easy to read."

To help improve the country's CVs, Jobsincredit.com offers the following advice.

Presentation: First impressions really do matter so it's important your CV looks fantastic. If it's going to be printed and posted, use the highest quality paper you can. Wherever possible, get your CV printed on a laser printer. Never send a photocopied CV.

Length: One page is ideal and two pages are quite acceptable. Some senior or technical roles may run to three pages – but no more.

Layout: The CV should be eye-catching and uncluttered. Use bold text, underlining and bullet points to achieve this – but don't go over the top.

Relevance: Only include the information that sells you – prospective employers don't want to waste time reading details irrelevant to your ability to fulfil the job role.



WRITE STUFF: Make sure you get the job of your dreams – by ensuring your CV gets you to the interview

Structure: Place the most relevant information at the top so that prospective employers see this first.

For example, recent graduates will probably have stronger qualifications than work experience so should describe their education before their career summary.

Profile: All the best CVs have a professional profile on the first page. This should summarise the specific skills acquired during studies or employment and should carefully avoid any clichés.

Target the CV: Be focused. Where is your career heading? Tailor your CV accordingly. Use the profile to emphasise your relevant skills and use – but don't overuse – appropriate terminology and buzzwords.

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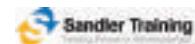
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NUTS and Bolts manager Steve Lovell is already preparing for next season by offering midfielder Tony Browne a new contract.

Browne, who joined from Dover Athletic last summer, following old manager Clive Walker, has had a mixed first season at the Homelands. When Lovell took the helm in November, Browne failed to impress at right back and sat out for a number of games.

However, towards the end of the season a string of strong performances at right wing saw Browne become one of the first names on the team sheet, warranting a contract offer.

Lovell said: "To be fair to

FOOTBALL

Browne, when I first came here he was given his chance at right-back but he didn't really impress. Once he came back into the team at right midfield he has been excellent and has proved that he can be a vital player for next season. He has been offered a contract and if he accepts then I'm sure he will be looking to command a place next term."

The former Sittingbourne manager sat down with all his players last week regarding their futures at Ashford and crowd favourite Walid Matata could be on his way

out at the Homelands.

He added: "All the players we are looking to keep have been offered deals and we are hoping they accept. There are a couple who haven't been offered new deals.

"Joe Hitchings is one of them and also we haven't offered a contract to Walid Matata on the same terms that he was on before but we have told him that he can do a pre-season with us and see where it goes from there."

"Already this week I have taken loads of phone-calls from players who want to come here."

Danny Braithwaite could also leave due to travel constraints.

Extra time trophy win for Market

MARKET Hotel reserves won the Sheber Trophy Final at Homelands on Sunday, beating Ashford Spartans.

Spartans, who play two divisions below their opponents in the Ashford and District Sunday League, battled well and had chances to win.

The sides were level at 1-1 after 90 minutes, with Market Hotel grabbing the winner in extra time.

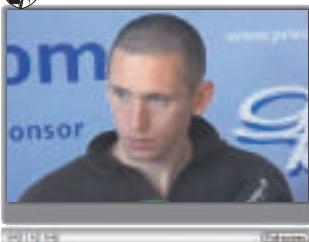
In the Premier Division, Ashford Cavaliers' title chances evaporated with a 4-2 defeat against Betherston.

Trojgs stayed on course to finish second in Division One with a 3-0 win away at Mersham.

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 Gills captain Andrew Crofts talks after the club's relegation from League One

New boys first up for Mersham CC

MERSHAM Cricket Club's first XI begin their league season this weekend with an away trip to new boys Headcorn who stormed to the Division One title last year.

The team had a mixed season last summer as they finished two places above the Invicta League Premier Division relegation zone.

Mersham's second XI also begin their league campaign on Saturday, with a home game against Hollingbourne.

On Sunday the club's first team play Rainham in their opening league game, while the second XI play a friendly against Dover Cosmopolitans.

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PODIUM PLACE: Leon Camier has moved into second in the championship after successfully claiming two podium finishes at Oulton Park

Camier secures his place on the podium

MOTORSPORT

■ BY TOM HOWARD

LEON Camier secured his first podium finishes of the season at the second round of the British Superbike Championship at Oulton Park on Monday.

The Ashford born rider was looking for his first podium of the season after securing a fourth and fifth place at the opening round at Thruxton last month.

Sunday's qualifying proved very tricky for all the riders, as the Cheshire circuit was drenched due to a downpour on Sunday, forcing teams to rapidly change bike set-ups for the session.

However, Camier pushed his bike to the limit and secured seventh spot with a time one-and-a-half seconds slower than pole sitter Cal Crutchlow. Team mate Shane 'Shakey' Byrne claimed second. Camier felt he could have posted a time good enough for the front row.

He said: "I am not best pleased with that as I feel I could have gone faster and probably got my Airwaves Ducati on the front row."

"It was my mistake, I was continually running off the dry line on the first corner and that was slowing me down a lot. I was starting to get it together towards the end of qualifying but I did not get as many clear laps as I wanted, so could not improve my time further."

The first race was abandoned because of the rain and the second was red flagged at the end because of a crash. Camier made a great get away off the line in the first and quickly raced into fifth position and moved up to fourth by passing pole sitter Cal Crutchlow.

Camier briefly occupied second spot behind team mate and race leader Byrne, but in the last five laps, Honda's Leon Haslam managed to overtake Camier, who settled for third position his first podium of the season.

In an incident-packed second race, Camier once again came home in third position but had been outside the top five for the majority of the race.

The turning point of the race came on lap 11 when race leader Tom Sykes and Leon Haslam collided at the chicane. The crash allowed Camier to move up to fourth before a Crutchlow accident brought the red flag out and saw the 22-year-old finish third. Sheppen rider Byrne took the chequered flag after coming back from 12th place on lap three.

Camier is now a surprising second in the championship on 56 points, behind Byrne on 95, and he will be looking for another podium at his home round at Brands Hatch this Sunday.

Confident Town are ready for the season

CRICKET

■ BY TOM HOWARD

AFTER the shock merger of Old Stacians and Ashford Cricket Club in the winter, the changes have not affected the pre-season, according to 1st XI captain Julian Day.

With the league season beginning this week, newly formed Ashford Town Cricket Club are feeling confident after two pre-season victories over Premier Division side Sandwich and neighbours Wye.

Day said: "We are feeling very good ahead of the new season, the pre season matches have gone really well so far. We are glad to welcome back two former players to the club in James Watson and Tim Pichowski and that should make our side even stronger.

"I am not one for setting our stall out early by saying we are going to win the league, but I believe more teams will be worried about us than us worrying about them."

The merger will see Ashford Town play at the former Old Stacians ground for this season and the club has been completely rebranded during the break, with brand new kits and crest. Despite a huge amount of changes, Day is keeping optimistic.

He said: "We are taking the positives out of the merger with Old Stacians. There have been a lot of changes but we are all doing very well considering. Some players are now having



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RARING TO GO: Newly-formed Ashford Town are looking forward to a new season after strong pre-season form

to face playing in third and fourth sides, but the up side of it all is that we have so many strong teams this year."

Town begin their Kent League season this weekend, when they host OD CUACO from

West Wycombe and will hope to continue their good form.

Day added: "If we can carry on our pre-season form then we should make a very good start to the season in our first match."



ROLLERCOASTER: Benn Barham had a mixed event at the Spanish Open

Bogeys mean Barham fails to make the cut

GOLF

BENN Barham roared back from a nightmare first round at the Open de Espana, but his 66 was not enough to make the cut in a high-quality field.

The 32-year-old left himself little chance of making the closing rounds after shooting an eight over par round of 80 in the first round. He bogeyed three of the first four holes but had looked to steady the ship with a birdie and three pars.

His problems really began with a double bogey seven at the ninth, followed with another at the 14th and a triple bogey at the next hole. It left him near the foot of the scoring charts in 152nd

place, but his fortunes were transformed on the second day at the Real Club de Golf de Seville.

Improved accuracy off the tee and some excellent short play around the greens saw him reach the turn four under par.

A dropped shot at the 12th was immediately regained and he notched another three birdies over the closing holes to finish with a 66 – 14 shots better than the day before. Despite the remarkable turnaround it was not enough to make the cut.

Ireland's Peter Lawrie won the tournament in a play-off against local favourite Ignacio Garrido.

Barham will hope to build on the second round performance when he competes in the Italian Open, which starts tomorrow.

Youngsters bat their way to individual titles

TABLE TENNIS

HIGHLY-RATED youngster Lewis Gray from Benenden was knocked out of a national schools' table tennis competition by England under-18 star David Beth.

Gray won a group stage match at the National Schools Individual Championships before losing in the knockout round. His sister Daniella qualified second in her group before losing to Kelly Reed from Cornwall in the first round.

The pair play for the Weald Table Tennis Club, who were celebrating after two of their youngsters went on to win titles.

Team mate Yolanda King dropped just one game en route to the under-13 girls' singles, which she added to the under-11s title she won two years ago.

After cruising through the early stages, the 13-year-old beat Evangeline Collier from Essex in four games at The Dome in Doncaster.

Helshan Weerasinghe overcame a nail-biting semi-final to take the under-11 boys championship.

He was within two points of los-



YOUNG GUN: Lewis Gray was among the Weald Club's good performers

ing in straight games to Alex Holland in the last four before mounting a remarkable comeback to reach the final. There he lost just 13 points to sweep to victory.

Kirsty and Ross Wilson also enjoyed a good run in the competition.

Kirsty won a five-game thriller against England number four cadet, Lucy Davidson. However, her bid for the girls' under-16 championship came to an end in the semi-finals as she went out to eventual winner Natalie Slater.

Her brother topped his group but was just edged out in the quarter-finals.

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IN THE RUNS: Justin Kemp hit 68 to see Kent home

Spitfires battle their way to first victory

JUSTIN Kemp paid back a large amount of faith put in him by Kent as he led the Spitfires to their first win of the Friends Provident Trophy against Sussex at Hove.

The burly South African clubbed an unbeaten 68 from 75 balls, which included five fours and a six as he guided Kent over the line with just one ball remaining.

Kent travelled to Hove knowing they had to win to stay in the competition after defeats to Essex and Middlesex in their opening two games.

Having put Sussex into bat, the Spitfires reduced the Sharks to 110 for four, but then Michael Yardy joined Luke Wright and the pair put on 67 for the fifth wicket.

Yardy went on to score 50 before he became one of three wickets for former Sussex all-rounder, Yasir Arafat.

Carl Hopkinson came in and clubbed 35 from 32 balls at the end as Sussex made a respectable 245 for six off their 50 overs.

Simon Cook was the pick of the Kent attack, recording figures of two for 25 off his ten overs.

In the run chase, Kent got off to a bad start, losing captain Rob Key for just two.

However, Joe Denly showed some good form after a disappointing start to the campaign as he scored 43 from 80 balls in putting together a partnership of 103 with South African, Martin van Jaarsveld.

The Spitfires then lost both Denly and van Jaarsveld (58) for just one run as the Sharks fought back.

Darren Stevens scored 15 before he was run out and Geraint Jones hit a run-a-ball 24 to put on an important 38 with Kemp.

The South African found it hard to keep the strike towards the end of the innings, but he had help from Ryan McLaren who hit 17 off 14 balls as Kent won on the penultimate ball.

The Spitfires were in action on Monday at the Brit Oval against old adversaries, Surrey. For a report and reaction, visit www.yourashford.co.uk.

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